

**PLACER COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PROPOSED PM_{2.5} IMPLEMENTATION/MAINTENANCE PLAN
AND REDESIGNATION REQUEST
FOR THE SACRAMENTO PM_{2.5} NONATTAINMENT AREA**

The Board of Directors of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District (District) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the PM_{2.5} Implementation/Maintenance Plan and Re-designation Request for the Sacramento PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area (Plan) and the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Nonattainment Area covers all of Sacramento County, and portions of El Dorado, Placer, Solano, and Yolo counties.

PM_{2.5} (fine particles) is a mixture of very small liquid droplets and solid particles that are suspended in the air and are less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter. Particles of this size can easily penetrate deep into lungs and cause serious health problems or aggravate existing problems.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officially determined that the Sacramento region had attained the PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) (Federal Register, Volume 78, No. 135, July 15, 2013, p.42018). The purpose of this Plan is to request that EPA redesignate the Sacramento Region to attainment and to fulfill the Clean Air Act requirements for re-designation to attainment for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. The plan includes demonstrations that Sacramento:

- Attained the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS
- Has a fully approved PM_{2.5} Implementation Plan for the area.
- Improvement in air quality is due to permanent and enforceable reductions: control measures have reduced overall emissions despite increasing population and VMT, and not due to temporary emission reductions or unusually favorable meteorology.
- Has a PM_{2.5} Maintenance Plan for the area, including motor vehicle emission budgets
- Met CAA Section 110 and Part D requirements

This Plan complies with the federal Clean Air Act requirements pertaining to PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas. This notice, the public hearing, and the Plan are intended to satisfy the requirements of Clean Air Act Subparts 1 and 4 including Sections 107, 109, 110, 172, 173, 175A, 176, 182, 189, 319 and associated regulations including Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 50, 51, and 58. Upon adoption by the Board of Directors, the Plan will be forwarded to the California Air Resources Board for approval and submitted to EPA as a revision to the State Implementation Plan.

Additionally, CEQA requires government agencies in California to evaluate environmental impacts before approval of an action. It exempts an action by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment and an action by a lead agency that has no possibility of resulting in a significant adverse effect on the environment. District staff finds that this Plan satisfies these requirements and proposes a NOE under CEQA.

The public hearing will be held at the regular Placer County Air Pollution Control District Board of Director's Meeting at the following time and location:

**Thursday, February 13, 2014, 2:30 PM
Placer County Board of Supervisors Chambers
175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, CA.**

A copy of the Plan can be obtained at the District's website (www.placer.ca.gov/apcd) or at the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's website (<http://www.airquality.org>). All interested parties are advised of the opportunity to comment. Please direct your written comments to: Placer County Air Pollution Control District, 110 Maple Street, Auburn, CA 95603, attention: Yushuo Chang. For additional information, please contact the District by calling (530)745-2330. All written comments must be received before 4 PM on January 31, 2014.

